



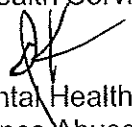
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TO: Executive Directors of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs)
and Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs)

FROM: Irene Kazieczko, Director 
Bureau of Community Mental Health Services
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Administration

SUBJECT: FY10 Children's Mental Health Block Grant Request for Proposals (RFP)
DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

Attached is the Children's Mental Health Block Grant RFP, which provides the instructions and required application forms (narrative, work plan, budget) for FY10 funding. Proposals must be submitted using the required forms contained in the RFP. Also attached is the Children's System of Care Planning document for use in preparing your application for Children's Block Grant funding in FY10. This document is intended to help guide your local planning and decision making about community projects.

System of Care Planning and development by each CMHSP is now required as part of the Program Policy Guidelines recently distributed by the Department. This is an opportunity to apply for FY10 Children's Mental Health Block Grant dollars to fund projects that promote and endorse adoption of system of care principles and practices. The FY10 block grant funds for children with serious emotional disturbance will be distributed based on responses to the RFP. This RFP application is for any new projects for FY10. **If you are currently receiving block grant funding for an approved multi-year project, then you do not need to complete this application. You will be notified in the next few months to complete your work plan and budget for the FY10 block grant contract.**

The System of Care Planning document is intended to assist communities with the identification of priorities for services. This document encourages communities to maximize the use of entitlements. Once priorities are established, communities should review all options for funding from existing resources. All RFPs submitted should consider the following outcomes:

At the system level:

- Development and maintenance of a comprehensive array of mental health services and supports for children and their families.
- Improved access to mental health services that are responsive to the needs identified by children/youth and their parents, especially those children/youth also being served in the Child Welfare and/or Juvenile Justice systems.
- Services are provided where children and their families live and in natural settings (home, school, community, etc.).
- Blended resources among child-serving providers increase total dollars available for mental health services.

At the child and family level:

- Children improve in their functioning, and behavioral concerns are reduced.
- Children improve in their school attendance and grade achievement.
- Children have fewer contacts with law enforcement and, if previously involved with juvenile justice, have few subsequent contacts with that system.
- Children have permanency and there is reduction in the abuse and neglect of children.
- Parents of children serviced in systems of care experience reduced strain associated with care for children with a serious emotional disturbance, improved adequacy of resources for their families, and improvement in overall family functioning.

Sustaining new services continues to be an important consideration in funding new initiatives. Communities may propose single or multi-year projects. Projects aimed at service innovation or service development may be funded for up to a five-year period with progress of prior years determining subsequent funding. The maximum Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) funding available per project is **\$75,000** for the first and second years with a required **local contribution** of one dollar for each three MHBG dollars (1:3). The maximum MHBG funding available per project is **\$50,000** for the third, fourth and fifth years, with a **local contribution** of one dollar for each one MHBG dollar (1:1). At least half (1/2) of the **local contribution** must be cash that can be used to provide the services proposed. The remainder of the **local contribution** may be in-kind. The narrative should address how these funds will be sustained when grant funding ends. There is a maximum of two new project proposals per CMHSP.

Proposals will be evaluated using the criteria identified in the RFP. CMHSPs may submit RFPs directly to the department, but should indicate how the proposal integrates into the PIHP's plan to increase access for Medicaid children and the contract performance indicators for improved access for children.

The original face sheet with signatures and other original signature documents must be received at the Department of Community Health by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009**. Please send **the originals and FOUR COPIES of the entire application packet** to Jennifer Stentoumis at the address below. The work statement narrative, work plan(s), budget pages and a copy of the face sheet must also be sent electronically to Jennifer Stentoumis at Responses@michigan.gov by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009**. **DO NOT SEND PDF FILES**. Please call Jennifer Stentoumis at 517-335-6258, or email at stentoumisj@michigan.gov, if you have any questions.

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The department will host an informational meeting in Lansing regarding this RFP. Meeting information will be forthcoming in a separate memo.

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